

#### Community Climate Investments

Entity Application Question and Answer Session

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# What is the purpose of this session?

- To explain the program at a high level, the application process, and allow potential applicants to ask basic questions about the application.
- Nothing said here today by DEQ should be construed as a change to the written requirements of the RFA.
- Any official changes to the RFA will be made via an addendum to the RFA and posted on the DEQ <u>CCI website</u>.
- Questions may be submitted to DEQ through April 17, 2023. DEQ will post the questions and responses on the <u>CCI website</u>.
- DEQ will endeavor to respond to questions submitted after April 17, 2023 but cannot guarantee a response by the closing date of May 10, 2023.

# Thank you for joining us!

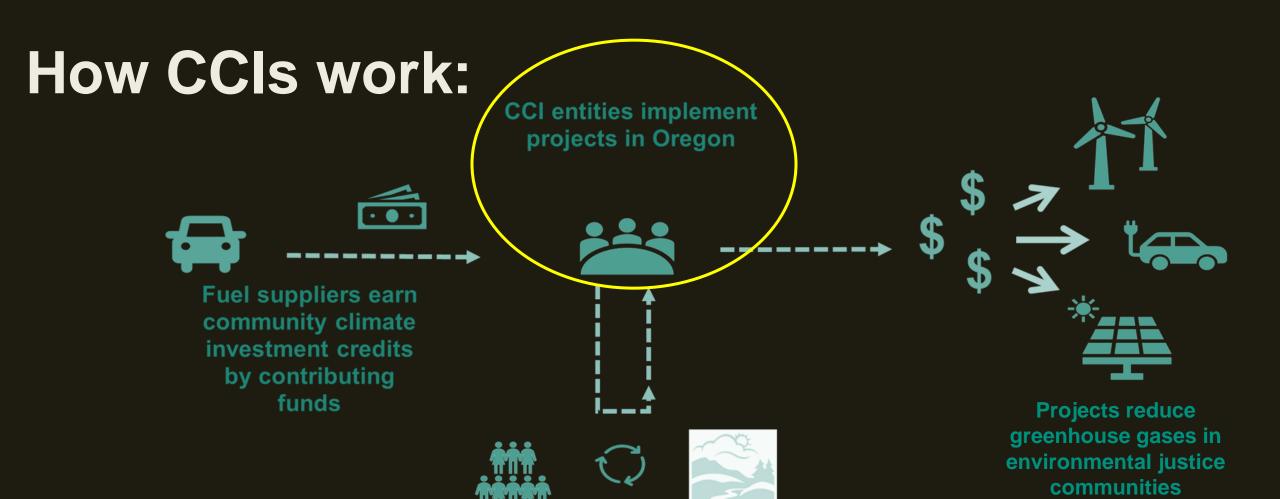
- This call is open to everyone but is intended for interested non-profits seeking to apply to become an approved CCI Entity.
- Slides will be covered first and then DEQ will open it up for questions. At that time, please "Raise" your hand using the raise hand function at the bottom of your screen. You can also put questions in the chat. If dialed in, use \*9 to raise your hand.
- If the question cannot be answered at this time, a response will be provided within two weeks.



## Climate Protection Program:

- Started January of 2022.
- Regulates and reduces greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon by 90% by the year 2050.
- Regulated fossil fuel suppliers comply by reducing their emissions and have the option to also use Community Climate Investments credits.





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### **Priorities of CCI funds:**

- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions on average at least one MTCO2e per CCI credit.
- Reducing emissions of other air contaminants, particularly in or near environmental justice communities.
- Promoting public health, environmental, and economic benefits for environmental justice communities, helping to mitigate impacts from climate change, air contamination, and energy costs.
- Accelerating the transition to clean energy particularly in or near environmental justice communities.







## Eligible CCI projects are:

- Actions that reduce anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions that would otherwise occur in Oregon. Eligible projects include, without limitation, actions that reduce emissions resulting from:
  - Transportation of people, freight, or both;
  - An existing or new residential use or structure;
  - An existing or new industrial process or structure; and
  - An existing or new commercial use or structure.









## Successful applicants will be a non-profit with:

- Strong and transparent financial controls and systems for managing and implementing funds received directly from regulated fossil fuel suppliers.
- Experience with and trust in engaging, partnering with, and uplifting underrepresented communities in Oregon.
- Experience developing and delivering projects that will achieve reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and co-pollutants in environmental justice communities.



# Scoring:

- Financial information 25 points
- Experience 25 points
- Key persons and any known subcontractors 15 points
- References 10 points
- Comprehensive management plan 25 points
- Total potential: 100 points



#### **Questions?**

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- We will call on folks in the order that they raise their hand followed by questions in the chat.
- If a question cannot be answered now, we will respond within two weeks.



#### Contact us!

For any questions related to Community Climate Investments and this Application, please visit the <u>website</u> and/or contact:

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